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In re Application of : Roger John LEACH
Serial no. : 09/807,057
Filed : with an effective filing date of October 8, 1999
For : METHOD OF COATING AND METHOD OF BONDING
Group Art Unit : 1733
Examiner : John L. Goff II
Docket : COLGRA P23AUS

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The Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C. F. R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

WARNING: 35 U.S.C. § 132(b) and § 1.114 provide for the continued examination of an application and **not** examination of a continuing application). Accordingly, the Office will not permit an applicant to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined. Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868. "

WARNING: A continued examination request cannot be made if at least one office action under 35 U.S.C. § 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 161 has not been mailed. The provisions of 37 CFR 1.114 also do not apply (1) to a provisional application; (2) an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 363 before June 8, 1995; (4) a patent under reexamination or (5) an application for a design patent. 37 CFR § 1.114(d).

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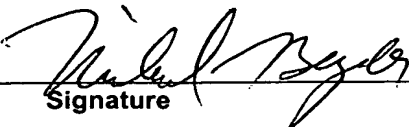
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NOTE: There is no limit to the number of times the fee for continued examination may be submitted. Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

NOTE: Unlike a continuation application, a continued examination request can utilize the mailing procedure of 37 CFR 1.8. See 37 CFR § 1.8(a)(2)(i)(A).

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (check appropriate item(s) below):

- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
 - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
 - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
- iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.

NOTE: If such a notice is not sent to the Board then may refuse to vacate a decision rendered after the filing of the RCE but before recognition by the Office of the RCE request under § 1.114.

- iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 146
 - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

WARNING: If reply to a final or non-final Office action under 35 U.S.C. § 132 is outstanding, the submission must meet the reply requirements of § 1.111. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(b).

- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☐ An amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☒ Other: Please consider the After Final Amendment filed on June 30, 2003 upon further consideration of this application.

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

- ☒ Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$375.00
- ☐ Other than a small entity \$750.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$375.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

NOTE: "The fee for continued examination under § 1.114 (§ 1.17(e)) does not include additional claims fee (cf. 1.53 (d)(3)(ii))." See Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

37 CFR 1.53 (d)(3): "The filing fee for a continued prosecution application filed under this paragraph is:

(i) The basic filing fee as set forth in § 1.16; and

Any additional § 1.16 fee due based on the number of claims remaining in the application after entry of any amendment accompanying the request for an application under this paragraph and entry of any amendments under § 1.116 unentered in the prior application which applicant has requested to be entered in the continued prosecution application."

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA RATE	ADDIT. OR RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	9	MINUS **	=	x \$9= \$-0-	x \$18= \$
INDEP.	2	MINUS ***	=	x \$42= \$-0-	x \$84= \$
□ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$140= \$-0-	+\$280= \$
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$-0-	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

*** IF the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest No. Previously Paid for" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ☒ No additional fee is required.

OR

(b) ☐ Total additional fee required is \$_____.

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

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☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

☐ fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.

☐ a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately: ☐ being filed ☐ been filed

10. ☐ A request for deferral of examination accompanies this request for continued examination.


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